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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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DIAMOND X RANCH, LLC,

3:13-cv-00570-MMD-WGC

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Plaintiff,

ORDER

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v.

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ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY,

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Defendant.

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Before the court is the parties' Joint Motion to Vacate Deadlines Pending Entry of Appearance by Replacement Plaintiff's Counsel. (Doc. # 54.)¹

The parties advise the court that Plaintiff's counsel's law firm, Patton Boggs LLP, has merged with the law firm Squire Sanders LLP, to form Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, effective June 1, 2014. Defendant Atlantic Richfield Company's (Atlantic Richfield) parent company, BP America Inc. (BP), was a client of Squire Sanders LLP prior to the merger with Patton Boggs LLP, and as such, BP is now a current client of the merged firm, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP. In addition, Squire Sanders LLP was counsel of record to Atlantic Richfield along with the law firm of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP (defense counsel in this action) in a matter substantially related to this case, *Atlantic Richfield Company v. State of California, et. al.*, No. BC380474 (filed Nov. 9, 2007 in Los Angeles County Superior Court). Neither Atlantic Richfield nor BP will consent to Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP's continued representation of the plaintiff in this matter, Diamond X Ranch, LLC (Diamond X). Therefore, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP intends to withdraw as counsel for Diamond X as soon as it is able to obtain replacement counsel.

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As a result, the parties request that the Court: (i) vacate all of the deadlines set forth in

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¹ Refers to court's docket number.

1 Section G of the Stipulated Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order (DPSO) (Doc. # 51), except
2 for the August 29, 2014 deadline for submission of an Interim Status Report; (ii) extend the
3 deadlines to respond to all pending discovery to fourteen days after new lead counsel for
4 Diamond X has entered an appearance; and (iii) require the parties to set a scheduling conference
5 to occur within ten days after new lead counsel for Diamond X has entered an appearance; and
6 (iii) require the parties to set a scheduling conference to occur within ten days after new lead
7 counsel for Diamond X has entered an appearance, at which time the parties will propose a
8 revised set of deadlines.

9 With good cause appearing, the parties' joint motion (Doc. # 54) is **GRANTED. IT IS**
10 **HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

11 (1) The deadlines set forth in Section G of the DPSO are hereby **VACATED**, except for
12 the August 29, 2014 deadline for submission of an Interim Status Report;

13 (2) Since Diamond X and its current counsel have already initiated efforts to obtain
14 replacement counsel, within **THIRTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER**
15 Diamond X shall obtain new lead counsel and an appearance shall be entered by new lead
16 counsel;

17 (3) The deadline to respond to all pending discovery is extended to **FOURTEEN**
18 **DAYS AFTER NEW LEAD COUNSEL FOR DIAMOND X HAS ENTERED AN**
19 **APPEARANCE;**

20 (4) on the date that an appearance is entered by new lead counsel for Diamond X, the
21 parties shall also file a **request for the setting of a scheduling conference** that shall occur
22 within ten days of the entry of an appearance by Diamond X's new lead counsel or as soon as the
23 court can accommodate the parties; and

24 (5) The parties shall file a proposed revised set of deadlines with the court at least **five**
25 **days prior to the scheduling conference.**

26 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

27 July 30, 2014.

William G. Cobb

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WILLIAM G. COBB
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE